

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

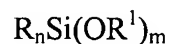
**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): A process for surface pretreatment, comprising the following steps in the order shown:

- (a) providing a clean metal surface which is aluminum or an aluminum alloy;
- (b) applying a composition comprising an organosilane to the clean metal surface to form a coated surface; and
- (c) exposing the coated surface to a laser which produces an elevated temperature on the coated surface.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A process according to claim 9, wherein the organosilane has the general formula I:



wherein

R is a reactive or non-reactive organic group;

R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, or acyl;

n is 1 or 2; and

m is 2 or 3, provided that n + m = 4.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A process according to claim 9, wherein the composition is a solution containing from 1 to 10% by weight of the organosilane in water and/or an organic solvent.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A process according to claim 9, wherein the composition further comprises a carboxylic acid and/or a nonionic wetting agent.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A process according to claim 9, wherein the metal surface is cleaned by degreasing with an organic solvent.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A process according to claim 9, wherein the laser is a non-focussed laser.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A process according to claim 10, wherein R is alkyl, phenyl, vinyl, acryloyl, glycidyl, wherein alkyl means C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A process according to claim 10, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkoxyalkyl, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyl.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A process according to claim 16, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl, methoxyethyl, or acetoxy.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A process according to claim 16, further comprising the step of bonding the coated and lasered metal surface to a second surface with an adhesive.